

REMARKS

Claims 35-54 are pending. Claims 1-34, 48, and 53 have been canceled. Reconsideration of the pending claims is requested in view of the amendments and remarks provided herein.

The Pending Claims are Novel

While Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner regarding the rejection of claims 48 and 53, these claims have been canceled. Accordingly, the present rejection has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

Terminal Disclaimer

A Terminal Disclaimer is submitted with this response. As such, the double patenting rejection raised by the Examiner has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 144092000401. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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